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MEDICAID PROVIDER MANUAL UPDATE

TO: All Pre-Admission Screening providers, Waiver providers, and Skilled Nursing Facilities participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program, Managed Care Organizations, and holders of the *Pre-Admission Screening* Provider Manual

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SUBJECT: Update to First Edition of the *Pre-Admission Screening* Provider Manual

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DATE: 2-10-2005

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you of changes to your *Pre-Admission Screening* Provider Manual. The attached table shows the changes to the Provider Manual. Please download the new pages to insert into your Provider Manual and retain the attached table.

This Provider Manual has been updated to reflect the merging of the Elderly and Disabled Waiver and the Consumer-Directed Personal Attendant Services Waiver into the Elderly OR Disabled with Consumer-Direction Services Waiver. The effective date of the merging of the waivers was February 1, 2005.

Please review these changes carefully.

ELIGIBILITY AND CLAIMS STATUS INFORMATION

DMAS offers a web-based Internet option to access information regarding Medicaid eligibility, claims status, check status, service limits, prior authorization, and pharmacy prescriber identification information. The website address to use to enroll for access to this system is <http://virginia.fhsc.com>. The MediCall voice response system will provide the same information and can be accessed by calling 800-884-9730 or 800-772-9996. Both options are available at no cost to the provider.

COPIES OF MANUALS

DMAS publishes electronic and printable copies of its provider manuals and Medicaid Memoranda on the DMAS website at www.dmas.virginia.gov (*please note the new DMAS website address*). Refer to the Provider Column to find Medicaid and SLH Provider Manuals or click on "Medicaid Memos to Providers" to view Medicaid Memoranda. The Internet is the most efficient means to receive and review current provider information. If you do not have access to the Internet or would like a paper copy of a manual, you can order it by contacting Commonwealth-Martin at 804-780-0076. A fee will be charged for the printing and mailing of the manuals and manual updates requested.

“HELPLINE”

The “HELPLINE” is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except on state holidays, to answer questions. The “HELPLINE” numbers are:

1-804-786-6273	Richmond area and out-of-state long distance
1-800-552-8627	All other areas (in-state, toll-free long distance)

Please remember that the “HELPLINE” is for provider use only. Please have your Medicaid provider identification number available when you call.

PRE-ADMISSION SCREENING PROVIDER MANUAL
REVISION CHART
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SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

MANUAL SECTION	MATERIAL REVISED	NEW PAGE NUMBER(S)	REVISED PAGE(S)	REVISION DATE
Chapter IV	Nursing Facility and Waiver Services		Entire Chapter	2-10-2005
Appendix B	Pre-Admission Screening Criteria		Entire Appendix	2-10-2005
Appendix D	Sample Forms		Entire Appendix	2-10-2005
Appendix E	Sample Letters		Entire Appendix	2-10-2005

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

MANUAL SECTION	DISCARD	INSERT	OTHER INSTRUCTIONS
Chapter IV	Old Chapter IV	New Chapter IV	
Appendix B	Old Appendix B	New Appendix B	
Appendix D	Old Appendix D	New Appendix D	
Appendix E	Old Appendix E	New Appendix E	